

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

September 25th, 2016

“Our soul waiteth for the
LORD: he is our help
and our shield.”

PSALM 30:22

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Ryleigh Caffee - 26th, William Young - 28th

**This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS
PROVERBS 17:17 — EVIDENCE OF BELIEVING WITH THE HEART**

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

We extend our sympathy to **Lesia Groover** and her family on the death of her husband **Sandy Tomaselli**. May the Lord grant His comfort and peace to her and her family.

Rosewood Funeral Home in Humble, 2602 South Houston Ave

Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 27th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, 10:00 AM

A PRIVILEGE THAT EXCEEDS ALL OTHERS

“BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST: ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE: HAVING PREDESTINATED US UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL, TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, WHEREIN HE HATH MADE US ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.” (EPHESIANS 1:3-5)

This is a privilege that exceeds all others; it is more to be a son than to be a saint; angels are saints, but not sons, they are servants; it is more to be a child of God, than to be redeemed, pardoned, and

justified; it is great grace to redeem from slavery, to pardon criminals, and justify the ungodly; but it is another and an higher act of grace to make them sons; and which makes them infinitely more honourable, than to be sons and daughters of the greatest potentate upon earth; yea, gives them an honour which Adam had not in innocence, nor the angels in heaven, who though sons of creation, yet not by adoption.

PASTOR **A.W. PINK**

PREACHING CHRIST

...THE ONLY MESSAGE THAT WILL DO SINNERS ANY GOOD

“FOR AFTER THAT IN THE WISDOM OF GOD THE WORLD BY WISDOM KNEW NOT GOD, IT PLEASSED GOD BY THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING TO SAVE THEM THAT BELIEVE.” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:21)

“It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” The word translated ‘*preaching*’ puts the emphasis on the content of what is preached. The ‘*foolishness*’ that is preached is Christ or ‘*the cross*’, the doctrine of Christ crucified. Christ is what sinners need. If they will not have him, there is nothing else good to give them. Consequently, there is no value in giving them something else. I say to all who preach the gospel, ‘Pour on the coal! Preach the sovereign, unchangeable Christ to sinners. Flood them with the “*truth as it is in Jesus*” until they either shout “*crucify him*” or “*my Lord and my God*”.’

PASTOR **DONALD S. FORTNER**

THERE LAID THEY JESUS

“THERE LAID THEY JESUS THEREFORE BECAUSE OF THE JEWS' PREPARATION DAY; FOR THE SEPULCHRE WAS NIGH AT HAND.” (JOHN 19:42)

My soul, it is usual for the relations and friends of those that are deceased to attend the funeral. Art thou a friend, a relation, of Jesus? Oh yes; I trust thou art. He was, and is, the dearest of all friends, the nearest of all relations. He is at once all and every one—the Father, the Husband, the Brother. The invitation is therefore sent to thee, personally to thee. Every voice of affection calls thee to the tomb of Jesus, saying, “*Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*” And if, like Mary Magdalene, from more abundant love, thou art asking, “*Where have they laid him?*”—the answer immediately is returned, “*Come and see.*” Yes, thou dear Redeemer! by that faith thou hast graciously given me, I will come and see. Let my faith take wing, and light down

in Joseph of Arimathea's garden, and behold the place where the Lord lay. Was this the memorable spot? Did Jesus lay here? Did he here make (according to the ancient prophecy foretold of him) *"his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth?"* Here let me look; here let my soul wander in contemplation. Oh what a marvelous sight to behold Jesus thus lain in the grave. Surely we may cry out, as the church did in the view, "My beloved is white and ruddy." Never did death triumph so before. Never did the grave receive and hold such a prisoner. But, my soul, behold also, in the view, how Jesus triumphed even in death. It was "through death he destroyed him that had the power of death—that is, the devil, that he might deliver them who, through fear of death, are all their life-time subject to bondage." And what saith Jesus to my soul from the grave? Fear not, *"I have the keys of death and the grave: fear not to go down to the Egypt of the grave, I will go with thee, and will surely bring thee up again from thence."* And observe, my soul, as the grave could not detain thy Lord, thine Head, a prisoner; so neither can the grave, beyond the appointed time, detain any of his members. And as the union between the Godhead and the manhood in Jesus was not broken off by death, so neither can the union between Jesus and his people be interrupted by death. The covenant of redemption, the union of Jesus with his people, the love of God in Christ to the souls and bodies of his redeemed, all these rot not in the grave; nay, where sin is taken out, the very enmity of the grave is slain; and though it acts as a devourer of our corrupt bodies, yet it acts as a preserver also of the refined part, that the dust and ashes of his saints Jesus may visit, and manifest his care over, from day to day. Precious Lord, here then, as in every thing, thou hast the pre-eminence. Thou hast gone before: thou hast sweetly perfumed the grave by having lain there. And where should the dying members be but where their living Head hath been before? Hence then, my soul, take comfort and fear not, when thy partner, the body, is called upon to go down to the grave. When the soul flies to Jesus in heaven, the body will sweetly rest in Jesus till summoned from the grave. Thy God, thy Jesus, hath the appointment for thy departure; both the place where, the time when, and the manner how, are all with him. He hath the keys both to open the door of death, and to open the kingdom of heaven. Leave all then with him. Frequently; by faith, visit his sepulchre, and behold where they laid him, And in the triumphs of thy Jesus, as thine head, already take part, as a member of his body, crying out with the apostle, *"Oh death where is thy sting? Oh grave, where is thy victory? God be praised who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."*